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SUBJ: NATIONAL CONGRESSES FOR MASS ORGANIZATIONS

1. MARCH 4 REPORT BY AFP'S SERGE ROMENSKY THAT NATIONAL CONGRESSES OF THE TRADE UNION, COMMUNIST YOUTH LEAGUE, AND WOMEN'S FEDERATION ARE BEING ORGANIZED IS PLAUSIBLE AND, IF TRUE, WOULD FIT WELL WITH OTHER INTERNAL POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS AS WE PRESENTLY VIEW THEM FROM HERE. AN EARLIER STRAW-IN-THE-WIND WAS AN NCNA REFERENCE IN JANUARY TO THE " ALL CHINA WOMEN'S FEDERATION", THE FIRST MENTION OF THAT NATIONAL BODY SINCE THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION (HK 0611).

2. IN REBUILDING THESE MASS ORGANIZATIONS AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL NOW, THE REGIME WOULD BE FOLLOWING THROUGH ON ITS POST-CULTURAL REVOLUTION POLITICAL RECONSTRUCTION, A TASK CONSIDERABLY ADVANCED IN JANUARY WHEN THE LONG-AWAITED NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS WAS HELD. PEKING WOULD ALSO STAND TO GAIN BY ASTRENGTHEING AND VITALIZING OF CENTRAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONTROL OVER THE MASS ORGGANIZATIONS, WHICH, WHEN THEY WERE

BEING REBUILT AT THE PROVINCIAL LEVEL IN 1973, WERE
FREQUENTLY REFERRED TO AS "PILLARS OF THE DICTATORSHIP".

3. THE CENTER PROBABLY WISHED IT HAD BETTER DISCIPLINE
OVER THESE ORGANIZATIONS LAST YEAR WHEN FACTIONAL STRUGGLE,
INDUSTRIAL ACTION, AND OTHER DISRUPTIVE ACTIVITIES SURGED UP.
BEGINNING WITH LAST YEAR'S JULY 1 EDITORIAL AND THE MID-YEAR
BRAKING OF THE MOVEMENT, THERE HAS BEEN A CALL FOR BETTER
PARTY CONTROL OVER MASS ORGANIZATIONS (1974 HK 7372).

4. REBUILDING OF THE TRADE UNION AND YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS
HAS BEEN COMPLETED AT THE PROVINCIAL LEVEL FOR OVER A
YEAR. THE WOMEN'S FEDERATION IS ALSO COMPLETE AT THIS LEVEL,
EXCEPT FOR SHANTUNG WHERE NO REPORT OF A FOUNDING CONGRESS
HAS BEEN NOTED. THE PEASANT'S ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN SLOW TO
REGROUP; ONLY EIGHT PROVINCES HAVE HELD CONGRESSES, THE
LAST BEING KWANGSI IN DECEMBER, 1974. THE POLITICAL MOVE-
MENT LAST YEAR ALMOST CERTAINLY INTERFERED AS IN THE CASE
OF HEILUNGKINAGN WHICH FAILED TO HOLD A PEASANT'S CONGRESS IN
MARCH LAST YEAR AS ORIGINALLY ANNOUNCED.

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